Communal Violence

3876. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take any staingent measures for containing wide spread communal violence in several parts of the country;

(b) whether Government have received reports of communal violence resulting in deaths of people in the last two months from States;

(c) whether the State Governments have been warned to enforce law and order in accordence with the Constitution; and

(d) if so, the States that have attracted such warning from the Centre?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (d) The Government is committed to maintain peace and communal harmony throughout the country. 18 communal incidents were reported from different parts of the country including Moradabad and Hyderabad during the months of May and June, 1998, in which 30 persons lost their lives. The State Governments, which are primarily concerned with the maintenance of Public Order are advised, from time to time, for talking action against persons spreading ill-will, hatred or disharmony between members of different communities as per provisions of various laws. The Central Government has also issued revised guidelines to the State Governments for promotion of communal harmony and various measures have been suggested for controlling the communal situation. It also assists the State Governments by sharing the intelligence and providing Central Para Military Forces as per their requirements.

Crime in Chennai

3877. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of murder, robbery and dacoity occurred in Chennai during the period from January to 15th May, 1998;

(b) what are the reasons for the occurrence of the series of such incidents and whether Government have fixed any responsibility in this regard; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government against the criminals and murderers in order to prevent such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Available information is given in the attached Statement (*See below*).

(b) and (c) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects. The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, apart from sending advisories to the State Governments from time to time, the Central Government has been extending financial support to the State Governments under its Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces. The State Governments are also availing of grants recommended by the Tenth Finance Commission for upgrading their policy infrastructure.

Statement

Incidence of Murder, Robbery and Dacoity in Chennai during January to April, 1998

Sl. No.	Crime Heads	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
1.	Murder	3	15	8	14
2.	Robbery	8	0	9	8
3.	Dacoity	2	0	0	0

Source: Monthly Crime Statistics.

Note: 1. Figures are Provisional.

2. Figures for May 1998 are not available.